

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
ROAD & BRIDGE MEETING ROOM
9:00 A.M. OCTOBER 21, 2014

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joseph at 9:04 a.m., with the following members present:

Linda Joseph, Chair
Ken Anderson, Co-Vice Chair
Jason Anderson, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Lambert, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Staci Burkhart, Acting Secretary to the Board

II. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Lyn Miles – 35 years Diana Valenzuela – 20 years Reyes Casanova – 25 years
Randal Arredondo – 25 years Hilda Torrez – 5 years Helen Jane Whitten – 10 years
Iris Garcia – 15 years Cynthia Lovato – 15 years

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Treasurer Trujillo is unable to report.
2. Attorney Gibbons needs the BoCC to sign a Certification for the Town of Bonanza.
3. Administration requested an Executive Session.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2014

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2014 AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

V. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the October 2014 ground water table measurements. (10/14/14)
2. **Donna DeHerrera Director of the The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition** sent a request asking for a letter of support for the Housing Coalition providing affordable housing in the San Luis Valley. (10/17/14)
3. **La Puente** sent the Fall 2014 Photo Journal "The Voice of La Puente". (10/17/14)
4. **Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges** sent the October 2014 "The Avocet". (10/13/14)
5. **The Colorado River District** sent summaries of the Proposed Amended 2014, proposed 2015 and projected 2016 budgets for the Colorado River District. (10/13/14)
6. **Denise Witherspoon**, SLV Fair Manager sent a letter recommending the Board of Commissioners appoint Barbara Davis to the SLV Fair Board. (10/13/14)
7. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the October 21, 2014 agenda. (10/13/14)
8. **Brian St. George** sent notice that he has left as BLM Gunnison Field Manager effective October 20, 2014 and has accepted a new position with the BLM Colorado Organization. (10/8/14)
9. **Daniel Johnson** sent the September 2014 report for Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (10/8/14)
10. **Neal and Shumbala Spiritual Retreat Center** sent a letter supporting local writers. (10/17/14)
11. **Wall, Smith, Bateman** sent an invitation to the 40th Anniversary Open House November 13, 2014. (10/20/14)
12. **The Upper River Water Conservancy District** sent the Agenda for Monday October 27, 2014. (10/20/14)

VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sandia Belgrade – Crestone Eagle
 Deanna Higgins
 Tara Halenza
 Marianna King

Jackie Filangi
 Jeff Shook
 Martha Lock

Dominic Filangi
 Janet Nelson-Cox
 Julie Mach – ScSEED

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Joseph:

1. E-mail contact from Marv Weidner from Managing Results, Lambert preparing 3rd quarter report for the Strategic Planning Grant. Discussion on dates and documents.
2. October 8 - Attended the Commissioners Work Session
3. October 9 - Has a phone check in with Julie Mach, ScSEED regarding their current programs and interest.
4. Attended the Poncha Pass Gunnison Sage Grouse Working Group Meeting, reporting on County and County Coalition updates. Stepped out of that with Land Use Director Maez for the teleconference of the BLM Cooperating Agencies on the GuSG Management Plan updating.
5. Attended the Saguache County Tourism Council meeting.

6. October 10 - Began a site review of the new main County website with Mark Talbot, XPlore, and Amber Wilson.
7. Had phone conversations with Joe Rice, Lockheed on workforce for the CO Aero/Space Industries; and Kathleen Matthews of the CDPHE Office of Planning and Partnership about the waiver and requirements for Public Health Director Marcy Gardunio/ Forwarded the report going to the State Board of Health and recommendations to the Commissioners.
8. Spoke with Kim Smoyer about various economic development and tourism initiatives seeking coordination.
9. October 11 - Was a judge at the annual Chocolate Festival and Contest, benefitting the Children's Advocacy programs. Connected with ScSEED VISTA Tess Beneduce and Faith O'Reilly, Saguache Chamber of Commerce regarding Cochetopa Scenic Byway tour logistics and coordination.
10. October 12 - Met up with Kairina Danforth at the Villa Grove Trade 2nd Sunday Music and Dinner Special, discussing Crestone Creative District activities, as relates to other tourism and economic development groups/activities.
11. October 13 - Provided support letters for the SLV Tourism Association, and ScSEED, for the CO Tourism Office Marketing grant applications.
12. October 13-14 Worked on updating the Strategic Plan electronic draft with the data updates made, embedding the Implementation notes, and inserting current and proposed projects relating to Strategic Plan priorities and goals, forwarded for discussion at the work session on OCT 17.
13. October 15 - Attended the monthly GuSG Strategic Committee meeting by teleconference. Spoke with 9News about the Bonanza proceedings of the Sec. of State, and when we understood we would hear the decision.
14. Spoke with Sean McClung of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, regarding the needs and inputs of aerospace industries in the communities they work in.
15. October 16 - Working with SLV Public Health Partnership, on plans for attending the 2nd Summit with the West Central Partnership, and a Commissioner Liaison for 2015.
16. Proofread the letters Commissioner Jason Anderson drafted, thanking Rep. Tipton for his support in PILT funding authorization, and the draft comment letter for the Baca Wildlife Refuge Management Plan.
17. October 17 - BoCC site visit of Kerber Creek / Bonanza area, followed by Work Session, and time with Christy Culp, DOLA.
18. October 18 - Responded to questions from Sandia Belgrade the new County Reporter for the Crestone Eagle, for her NOV article. And prepared a draft "Eye on the County" with Landfill information.
19. Attended the 2014 Wild & Scenic Film Festival on tour in Saguache at the Ute Theater. There was a full house, visitors from Alamosa, Monte Vista and Crestone, and information table with partners, such as the National Park and Public Lands Center.
20. October 20 - Attended the SLV Council of Governments meeting. Saguache County contribution is 14% of total budget.

Commissioner Ken Anderson:

1. October 8 – Attended the BoCC Work Session
2. October 13 – Attended Rocky Mountain Farmers Union meeting in Denver.
3. October 16 – Attended Senior Citizens Board meeting. Discussion on the rent increase, and moving where they prepare and serve meals.
4. October 17 – Attended the BoCC Work Session and site visit to Kerber Creek Subdivision.
5. October 18 – Attended Rocky Mountain Farmers Union District meeting in Pueblo.

6. October 20 – Attended San Luis Valley Development Resources Group in Alamosa. Reviewed and approved budget.
7. BLM Office will be located in Monte Vista.

Commissioner Jason Anderson:

1. October 7 - Attended the Saguache Candidate's forum at the Baca POA hall
2. October 8 - Attended the Commissioners Work Session.
3. October 10 - Contacted Christina Gallegos at the Saguache court, wanted to speak about annex plans. She stated she needs to get on the BOCC agenda for another issue.
4. October 13 - Sat in on the NACO Public Lands Committee meeting via phone, discussed request for policy resolutions.
5. October 13 - Attended Commissioner Office hours in Crestone.
 - Met with MacGregor Gaines about Renewable Energy.
 - Met with Ammi Kohn about a Crestone Senior Housing Project.
 - Met with Kairina Danforth concerning a follow-up meeting between the BOCC and the Crestone Town Board, as well as the Crestone Creative District application.
 - Met with Kathrine Willow about the possibility of extending the bike lane on Camino Baca Grande.
6. October 17 - Attended the Commissioners Work Session.
7. October 20 - Attended office hours at the Saguache County Courthouse.
8. October 20 - proof read the "Eye on the County" article for the landfill with Iris Garcia.
9. October 20 - Attended the Saguache County Prevention Partners Meeting.
10. October 20 - Spoke with Benjamin Beyer, owner of Elephant cloud Store. Asked when he would get notification of abatement decisions.

Discussion on scheduling.

BREAK

VIII. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - WENDI MAEZ & LYN LAMBERT

1. Hew Hallock with the San Luis Council of Governments presented a Proposed Economic Impact Analysis on Decreased Crop Production Due to Reduced Groundwater Irrigation in the San Luis Valley. The San Luis Valley is a geographically defined region in south-central Colorado of nearly 8,200 square miles and a population of just over 46,00. Agriculture is the region's main economic driver. Critical to the viability of agriculture as the major economic contributor to the Valley's regional economy is the use of surface and ground water for irrigation. In the coming months, the Colorado Division of Water Resources will promulgate new Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Ground Water in Water Division No. 3. Recognizing the potential for significant economic impacts to the economy of the San Luis Valley by the loss of crop production from reduced pumping of underground water resources, the San Luis Valley Council of Governments and San Luis Valley Extension are taking the lead initiating an economic impact analysis. The potential loss of up to 60,000 acres of crop production in the San Luis Valley holds serious consequences for the region's economy, which is so deeply dependent on agriculture. Requested a letter of commitment and financial support from the BoCC.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO APPROVE A LETTER OF COMMITMENT AND FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY TO ANALYZE THE DECREASED CROP PRODUCTION DUE TO REDUCED GROUNDWATER IRRIGATION IN THE SAN LUIS VALLEY

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH
DISCUSSION**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Maez and Lambert attended the San Luis Valley Community Action Agency meeting in Alamosa on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Saguache County's new three year block for Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding is March 1st, 2015. Changes in funding and training will accompany the new block. One requirement will be to show success rate of getting people out of poverty. Saguache County now gives funds to TuCasa, Food Banks, Senior Citizen Center, PCP programs throughout the Valley also LaPuente and LaGente.
3. Public Health funds will need a fund transfer of funds from General Fund in the amount of about \$3,000.00 if the billed funds do not come in before the end of October. Lambert will prepare a resolution.
4. Health Insurance Committee met last week. County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) gave renewal rates, rates are going up. Another company could not give a firm bid due to lack of information from CTSI. Committee requested to stay with CTSI for 2015. BoCC directed Lambert to request CTSI be put on the agenda to discuss the renewal rates and additional information.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH COUNTY TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion on SRS, Title II and Title III allocations. Tabled until BoCC receives further information.

IX. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR – WENDI MAEZ

1. Francis Wilson, Subdivision Exemption request decision. Maez requested BoCC postpone decision until she can further research building permits. Building permits are not on file in Land Use Office. County Rd 46-AA was established in 1946, the Kerber Creek Subdivision was established in 1971. If permits are applied for and the Assessor's Office can do an appraisal on the property prior to the November 4, 2014 meeting this item will be brought back before the BoCC for decision.
2. Lot Consolidation request – William J. and Cynthia B. Bass – Baca Grande Grants Lots 831 and 832C. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at the regular October 2, 2014 meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LOT CONSOLIDATION REQUEST FOR WILLIAM J AND CYNTHIA B BASS FOR BACA GRANDE GRANTS LOTS 831 AND 832C

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

3. Received a letter from the Town of Crestone in regards to a Conditional Use Permit for the Northern Saguache County Library District, construction of the new library building.
4. Received a request to replace the AT&T cell phone tower located on County Road GG, with a new one exactly like the existing one. Attorney Gibbons directed Maez to do an Application for a Modification.
5. Discussion concerning date of public meeting in Sargents on October 29, 2014 and County Rd 10-XX site visit, re-scheduled for November 3, 2014.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) AND LEGAL CONSULTATION UNDER CRS 24-6-402 (4) (c) AT 11:45 AM

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION MEETING AT 11:58 AM

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

LUNCH

X. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO

1. The Landfill had a bad water sample, believe it is the water level well that was tested and not contamination. Need a plan to fix within 90 days. AquaTier suggested a water sample test well be drilled to use instead of the water level well.
2. Crews have been crack filling and will start shouldering the Moffat Road next week.
3. Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan, needs updated every 5 years.
4. Discussion on Title II and Title III percent's.
5. Spearman will be giving an update on Leach Airport next month.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 1:35 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

I. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES – JEANNIE NORRIS

1. There were 25 TANF cases during the month of September. Food assistance increased by 2 cases, for a total of 725. There were 14 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, which is down from 22 cases, and 105 old age pension cases, which is down from 111.
2. The Child and Adult Protection Unit had 7 referrals during September, and all of them were accepted for investigation. The Department has 6 dependency and neglect cases, and 6 children in placement. Adult

- Protection has 1 open case, after having received 1 new referral and closed 1 case. There are 33 open child protection cases in Saguache County.
3. The Emergency Food Bank served 84 individuals during September, which is 20 persons more than the prior month. TEFAP commodities were distributed to 55 households in Saguache, and 60 in Center. Crestone was served to 67 households. CSFP Senior commodities were distributed to 49 households in Saguache/Moffat/Crestone, and 21 in Center. Supplemental foods were given to 70 households in Saguache, and 48 in Center. Crestone has a delivery of the same items, and deliver to clients in that area. We have made arrangements to participate in the Farm to Table program again next year, as the fresh produce was well received and much appreciated by Saguache County residents.
 4. We are waiting for proposals to come in for a new "hotline compliant" telephone system. Jack Hilbert provides specifications to interested companies, and is willing to speak to them at any time to be sure that we have what we need.
 5. Saguache County has served as the fiscal agent for a Community Response Grant for LaLlave offer services to clients about whom departments have received a referral, and the referral was screened out. LaLlave then contacts the client and offers supportive services on a voluntary basis. We completed the first reporting cycle last week, and were most pleased to see how this program is serving Saguache County families.
 6. Linda and Jeannie attended the quarterly Best Practice Judicial Team meeting, held in Conejos County. The State Office presented our first look at the new risk and safety assessment for caseworkers. These meetings have provided a productive opportunity for all who are involved in the judicial process to have a better understanding of what is needed by each, and the reason for the need. The San Luis Valley team has been a front runner in this endeavor.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE
COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 2:14P.M.**

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Joseph left meeting at 2pm

II. COUNTY ATTORNEY – BEN GIBBONS

1. Presented a Certification of Authority for BoCC signature concerning the disincorporation of the Town of Bonanza. Certification of Authority states that the BoCC directed Attorney Gibbons in an open meeting to seek the legal dis-incorporation of the Town of Bonanza. The decision was made prior to the filing of the Petition by Saguache County Attorney Benjamin Gibbons in October 2013. The BoCC further certifies that it duly authorized County Attorney Benjamin Gibbons to file the Petition on behalf of the County and to represent Saguache County in the Petition process. Attorney for the opponents gave a brief presentation of Bonanza "city". There were checks for HUFT funds through 2011 received by Road & Bridge. Full five years without a full functioning Board of Trustees with no history of elections. The one full time Resident Mark Perkovich stated there has been no acting Town Board, no notices posted about elections or cancellations of elections in about 10 years. Property owner Jim Sheppard thinks the decision should be up to property owners but the process does not work that way.

The BoCC had requested 2 continuances and the issue needs to be resolved. Decision from Secretary of State's Office will be made in a couple of weeks.

2. Assessor Stephens presented the last four abatements to finalize, with standard adjustment.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPLY STANDARD ABATEMENT PROCEDURE AND UPHOLD ASSESSORS STRUCTURE VALUE AND PROPERTY ON ABATEMENT #46, (KUTZKO) PARCEL #460407323008, ABATEMENT #137-138, (EKSTROM) PARCEL #460407312007, AND ABATEMENT #139, (EGGER) PARCEL #460407339007

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BREAK

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:17 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

III. HOUSING DIRECTOR – EVAN SAMORA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AT 2:37 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IV. SCSEED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JULIE MACH

1. Presented the BoCC with the Itinerary for the Cochetopa Scenic Byway Tour on October 24, 2014.

Recent Events:

Crestone Music Festival Pancake Breakfast – August 3 2014

Crestone Energy Fair – August 23-24

Alfred Packer Festival – October 18, 2014 at the UTE Theater

Ongoing Projects:

ED Website – Commercial Real Estate Listings updated regularly

Vista Grande – “Coming Soon” sign secured, waiting on details to install

NSLVCR – Meeting October 22, GMO speakers’ panel

Crestone Skate Park – getting fiscal sponsorship application/agreement in place, planning meetings starting in winter

Little Learners – reviewing application for fiscal sponsorship

New/Future Projects:

ScSEED Membership – households or businesses and working with other business groups. Presented the membership form to the BoCC.

Tourism Workshop/Symposium

Saguache Airport

ED planning/readiness

Planning ScSEED's Annual Meeting for early December

V. MONTE VISTA – MARIANNA KING

1. Marianna King presented a letter and voiced her concerns regarding proposed telecommunications towers in the San Luis Valley and the negative health and environmental effects.

VI. BILL PAYING

VII. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AT 3:45 PM

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STACI BURKHART ACTING SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 4, 2014



Ken Anderson
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Carla Gomez
ATTEST
CLERK & RECORDER
CARLA GOMEZ

Jason Anderson
COMMISSIONER

Ken Anderson
COMMISSIONER